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A RESOLUTION to name a certain bridge in Sullivan County in honor of the late Ellis I. Wallen, Sr.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain public highways and bridges to commemorate the accomplishments of those purposeful citizens who during their lifetimes worked assiduously to improve the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Ellis I. Wallen, Sr. of Sullivan County was one such devoted public servant, who served with acumen, dedication and industry as a member of the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors, Mr. Wallen was truly a civic-minded citizen, whose remarkable talents and selfless actions were unfailingly directed toward the betterment of the Sullivan Garden-Mill Creek community of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has constructed a bridge which spans

Horse Creek at the entrance to Mill Creek Road from State Route 93, south of Kingsport in

Sullivan County; this bridge has yet to be named; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission has expressed a desire to name this bridge in honor of Mr. Wallen and his indelible legacy of commitment and service to his fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly has always endeavored to honor the wishes of local governments on matters of local concern whenever it is feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning Horse Creek at the entrance to Mill Creek Road from State Route 93 south of Kingsport in Sullivan County is hereby designated as the "Ellis I. Wallen, Sr. Memorial Bridge" to properly honor the memory of this exceptional gentleman and his exemplary record of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Ellis I. Wallen, Sr. Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the presiding officer of the Sullivan County Commission.

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